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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Science and Technology

SUBJECT: Request for Analysis of Photographic Interpretation Reports

1. OEL has recently submitted samples of TRR's on two missions and passed them to OSA for comment. OSA has long felt the need for such a report by qualified analysts, and these reports have filled a gap that has existed in the intelligence community since NSA ceased publishing the Complete Mission Report (CMR) in 1960.

2. NPIC provides Photographic Interpretation Reports from the IDEALIST missions as well as satellite reconnaissance. However, these reports are usually factual, with rarely an opinion expressed beyond the degree of interpretation. Thus there exists another gap in that no one appears to be analyzing the significance of individual reconnaissance missions for either agency or the entire intelligence community. We realize that reports are made by all agencies on significant individual items of a mission or missions, but we know of no single report which analyzes comprehensively the mission as a whole, reporting significant items from the Photographic Interpretation Reports published by NPIC.

3. In order to fill the existing gap and make individual mission reporting complete, we recommend that OCI be approached on this subject and that they be asked to provide individual mission reports on both high altitude and satellite reconnaissance missions, reporting the significant items with an appropriate analysis such as OEL provides in the TRR.

(Signed)

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